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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 27 July 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

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b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

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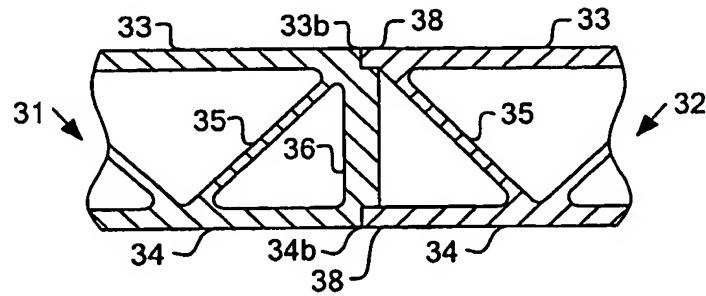


FIG. 3A

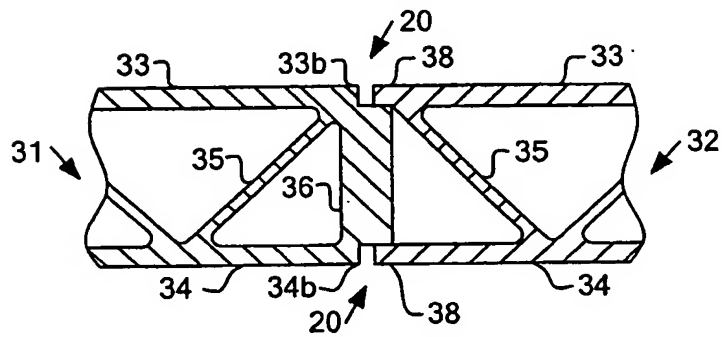


FIG. 3B

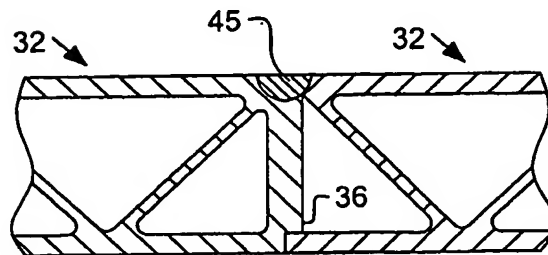


FIG. 4